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Admiral Robert S. Carney
 Chief of Naval Operations
 Department of the Navy
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Carney:

In the absence of Mr. Dulles, I wish to acknowledge your letter of 7 March 1954 regarding the discontinuance of the "Basic Training Agreement" pertaining to junior career personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

While we regret that such action is necessary, we realize the pressures of budgetary economy are forcing the abandonment of many worthwhile projects which can no longer be justified in relation to the mission of the Navy, and that training which does not contribute directly to the Navy must necessarily be one of these. This same premise, that naval training only contributes indirectly to the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency, makes termination of the "Basic Training Agreement" a logical solution from the standpoint of economy.

Please accept our appreciation for your cooperation in supporting the training program since its inception.

Sincerely,

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